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ABSTRACT

The Eleventh Annual Report contains a summary of the National Library of Australia's activities for the period 1970 through 1971. Included in the report are sections on: (1) Management of the Library, (2) Service to the Public, (3) Development of the General Collection, (4) Australian Collections and Services, (5) National Bibliography, (6) Library Services to Commonwealth Territories, (7) National Clearing Center, (8) Education for Librarianship, (9) Orientation and Use of the Building and (10) Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Financial Year 1970-71. (MM)

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*I have pleasure in presenting the eleventh report of the Council of the National Library of Australia, submitted in accordance with Section 27(2) of the National Library Act 1960-67.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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# NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT 1970-71

The growth of the Library's resources reflects not only the constantly increasing world output of information recorded in a variety of physical forms, but also the continuous expansion of Australian interests and needs for information. The greatly increased scale of operation of the Library today compared with a decade ago has required the Library to determine the most appropriate form of organisation to enable it to meet the demands of the coming decade.

Not only must an enlarged scale of operation be taken into account, but new technology and new systems must be examined and exploited to the maximum advantage. Consideration and implementation of proposals to take account of these developments have been restrained in the light of the current need to limit growth in both staff and expenditure. As an essential preliminary to the use of new technology and new systems, a special project team consisting of a senior librarian and a senior systems analyst is being established to examine the needs of the Library and to initiate the development of new systems including EDP systems and the adoption of new technologies wherever these may be appropriate.

The Library already provides various services to other libraries in Australia, thus recognising one of its major responsibilities – to serve as a library and a national service centre for other libraries. The central provision of various services enables other libraries to apply their limited human and financial resources to the best advantage. The Library recognises that in the fields of new technology the economic benefits to be derived from provision of further services to the nation at large from one central activity are significant. The Council considers these new services to be an essential element in the future activity of the Library.

Creation of a new position of Director of Publications recognises an important aspect of the Library's functions. This officer will be responsible for the development of a comprehensive publishing programme which will include not only the present regular bibliographical publications of the Library but will also include a developed programme in order to make available to the public at large, original resource materials from the Library's collections.

### MANAGEMENT OF THE LIBRARY

On 29 October the Governor-General accepted the resignation of Mr W.R. Cumming and appointed Mr D.J. Munro to be a member of the Council until 23 March 1973. Sir Grenfell Price, who had served as Chairman since the Council was appointed, retired on 22 March. Sir Peter Crisp was appointed Chairman on 23 March for a term of three years. Sir Samuel Jones was appointed a member of the Council on 23 March for a term of three years. Sir Leonard Huxley was re-appointed a member of the Council on 23 March for a further term of one year.

The Council met 6 times during the year. In addition the following Committees of the Council met to assist the business of the Council: Archives, Building, Oral History, and Science and Technology. The Building Committee represented the

Council at meetings of the Building Working Committee of the National Capital Development Commission and the Library.

## RETIREMENT OF SIR GRENFELL PRICE, C.M.G.

Sir Grenfell Price, Kt., C.M.G., M.A. (Oxon.), D. Litt. (Adel.), F.R.G.S., geographer, historian and educationist, retired as Chairman of the Council on 22 March, 1971 after more than 10 years of close association with the establishment and development of the National Library. Sir Grenfell was a member of the National Library Enquiry Committee under the chairmanship of Sir George Paton. The Committee, appointed by the Government in 1956-57 recommended that the National Library be separated from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library and established as an independent statutory authority. In May 1960 he was appointed Chairman of the Interim Council of the National Library and when the Library was formally established on 23 March 1961 became its first Chairman.

As Chairman of the Council, Sir Grenfell has made a distinguished and lasting contribution to the National Library helping to develop its information resources and services so that their value to Australian life and culture is now widely recognised. Sir Grenfell had a major part in the arrangements necessary for the construction of the new library building.

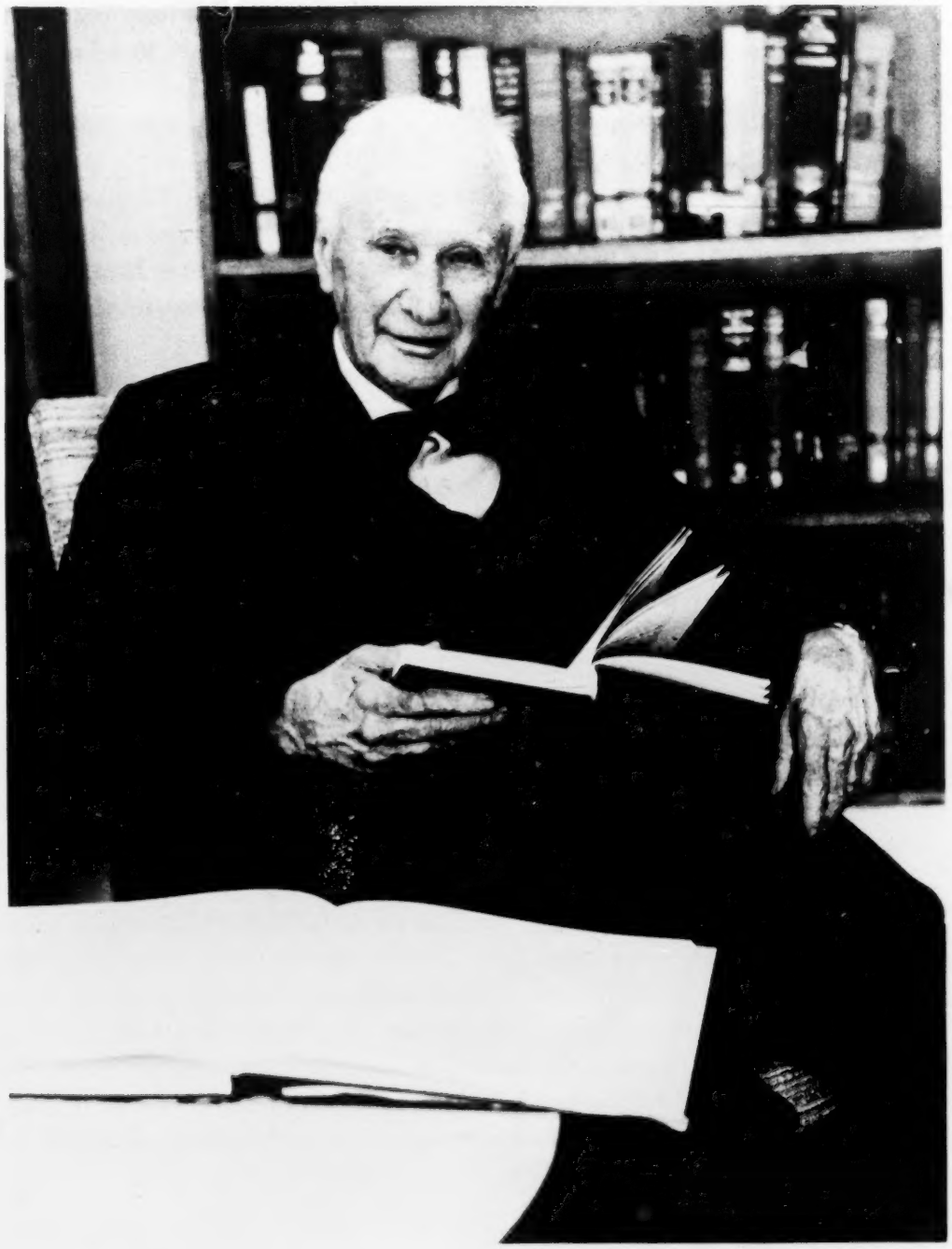
In a long and varied career Sir Grenfell Price has been prominent in intellectual and academic activity. He was Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Literary Fund from 1953 to 1971 and is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. As an author his publications included works on the history of South Australia, white settlement in the Pacific and its effects on native culture, Australian Antarctica, New Guinea, the voyages of Captain Cook, and education. Sir Grenfell was the first Master of St. Mark's University College in Adelaide and is a former member of the Adelaide University Council.

## SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

Although the services provided by the National Library are available to any one from anywhere in Australia, the Library is in essence a major research library. Canberra's needs for a general public library are provided by the Canberra Public Library Service administered by the National Library. It is still, however, a subject of occasional comment that access to the National Library stacks is restricted. If general access were permitted to the collection of over one million volumes located on 6 floors and arranged in various sequences, the unassisted reader would quickly be lost and it would be impossible to keep the stacks in good order – an essential element in providing effective service to the reading rooms.

Among the economies the Library had to effect in February because of restrictions on current expenditure was a reduction in the hours of opening of the various reading rooms. The reductions in hours which were introduced on 15 February and remained in effect until the end of the financial year, were:

- Main Reading Room closed at 4.45 pm on Friday instead of 10.00 pm
- Advanced Studies and Microcopy Reading Rooms closed at 4.45 pm on Monday and Friday instead of 10.00 pm and closed on Saturday instead of being open from 9.30 am to 4.45 pm



SIR GRENFELL PRICE, C.M.G.

- Newspaper Reading Room closed at 4.45 pm on Monday to Friday instead of 10.00 pm and closed on Saturday instead of being open from 9.30 am to 4.45 pm
- The Map Reading Room closed on Saturday instead of being open from 9.30 am to 4.45 pm.

Special provision was made to make available in the Main Reading Room material from the specialist reading rooms when these were closed. It was also necessary to close stack service to the reading rooms at 8.00 pm. The reduction of hours and of stack service created some difficulties. The Library staff did all that they could to alleviate the effects of the restrictions.

More than 7,750 enquiries for information were received during the year by telephone, letter and telex as well as from readers in person. About 25% of all enquiries received came from the libraries of government departments and agencies and 5% from the Library of the Parliament. Enquiries from readers amounted to approximately 35% of the total. The remainder came from a number of sources: from embassies, letters from within Australia and overseas and, to a lesser extent, from universities and public libraries.

Despite the reductions in reading room hours and services during a third of the year, reader use of the Library increased substantially during the year. Visits to the reading rooms totalled 63,500, an increase of 37%. Of these, the 7,765 visits to the Advanced Studies and Microcopy Reading Rooms was an increase of 26%.

Requests received from other libraries throughout Australia for the loan of material and for the identification from the union catalogues of locations for material held elsewhere in Australia totalled 44,513. In response to these requests the National Library lent 21,982 items, an increase of 11% and 15,041 locations were supplied. The *List of unlocated research books* (LURB) was issued 23 times during the year to Australian and New Zealand libraries in an effort to locate material not already reported to the union catalogues. It listed 1,685 items of which 531, or 32%, were located. The practice of listing all items for which a location could not be found in the union catalogues was altered during the year to one of listing only those items which libraries specifically asked to be listed. This reduced the size of LURB but the percentage of items located increased. Close relations and co-operation with the New Zealand national union catalogue continued during the year.

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE GENERAL COLLECTIONS

Total expenditure on library materials of all kinds for the permanent collections was $909,425. Apart from the additions to the special collections described elsewhere in this Report, acquisitions totalled 84,913 volumes, 17,761 pamphlets, 11,587 new serial titles, 5,774 reels of microfilm of printed materials, 6,403 microprint cards, and 407 inches of microfiches. Microforms employ techniques for greatly reducing the printed page to save space and publication costs. They are of various forms, transparent microfilm or microfiche and opaque microcard or microprint. Special machines are available to enlarge microforms for reading or to print out full-size copy.

The year has been an important one for the strengthening of the Library's resources for Southeast Asian studies. One major acquisition was the private library of the late internationally known Orientalist, Professor Georges Coedes, formerly Directeur de l'Ecole Francais d'Extrême-Orient, who was associated with many scholarly institutions in Indo-China. His library of some 6,000 items is exceptionally strong in French publications of the former territories of Indo-China. Supplementary material relating to this area included microfilm of a number of North Vietnamese newspapers, including *Hoc Tap*, 1963-1969, and *Tuyen Huan*, 1964-1968, as well as the reprint of *La revue indochinoise juridique et économique*, Hanoi, 1937-1943, and 300 photographic prints of the Cham sculptures in the Danang and Saigon Museums.

A second private library acquired contains some 4,600 Philippine items relating mainly to the period from the Spanish-American War of 1898 to the independence of the Philippines in 1946 and includes important material on the national hero Jose Rizal. Together with material already held, this collection has given the Library some pre-eminence in source materials for Philippine studies in the Southern hemisphere.

A steady flow of current Indonesian publications, including reports of the various offices of the central administration in Djakarta as well as some publications of the regional governments, has resulted from the pilot co-operative acquisition project conducted by a member of the Library's staff during 1970.

With the creation of a permanent post of librarian at Djakarta in May, the Library's Indonesian Acquisitions Office is providing a continuing and expanding range of Indonesian publications. This position has enabled the Library to offer to other Australian libraries a package deal of current Indonesian publications, including a selected group of serials. Five Australian research libraries are currently participating in the programme.

Whilst the Library is not yet in a position to provide a catalogue card service for this material, consignment lists of publications received are available to all Australian libraries requesting them.

Apart from current publications from Indonesia, including subscriptions to current newspapers and political and economic journals, the Library was fortunate in acquiring the private library of some 600 items of the late Professor Philip Oder Lumban Tobing, an authority on the Batak peoples of Sumatra and a great grandson of the first Batak Chief.

A welcome gift from General Nasution, Chairman of the Provisional People's Consultative Assembly, was a collection of his published writings, whilst a recent purchase of 1,000 photographic prints of Indonesian art and architecture has contributed to the pictorial record of Indonesian antiquities. The Library has also continued to add to its substantial collections relating to the Dutch colonial period.

Source materials relating to Malaysia acquired during the year included microfilm from the Public Record Office, London, of the British Colonial Office series C.O. 273, *Straits Settlements. Original correspondence,* 1923-1934, and C.O. 531, *Borneo. Original correspondence,* 1907-1915. The Library has also joined a consortium organised by Dr P.L. Burns of the Australian National University to have microfilmed C.O. 717, *Malay States. Original correspondence,* 1920-1943,

copying of which has already commenced. From the National Archives of Malaysia the Library has received microfilm of two important newspapers, the *Malay mail,* 1886-1954, and the *Perak pioneer,* 1894-1912. A regular supply of Malaysian official publications has also been negotiated with the National Library of Malaysia.

Relations with many of the librarians and libraries of Southeast Asian countries, including exchange of publications, have been considerably strengthened by active participation of the Library's staff in the Library Seminars Programme of the 28 International Congress of Orientalists, held in Canberra on 6-12 January 1971. The Congress provided opportunities for personal meetings and discussions with many well known personalities from Southeast Asia as well as from Europe and North America. The Library was also represented by its Indonesian Acquisitions Officer, Mr George Miller, at the Conference of South-East Asian Librarians held in Singapore on 14-16 August 1970.

Materials acquired in Western languages to complement the Library's collections in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Thai scripts included subscriptions to *Chinese leaders files from the U.S. Consulate* and *China journal,* both published in Hong Kong, as well as microfilm of the *People's tribune,* Shanghai, the *Chinese repository,* Canton, 1832-1851, and *Chinese maritime customs publications,* 1860-1948, published in Shanghai mostly in the English language and microfilmed by the Center for Chinese Research Materials, Washington, D.C.

The Library's growing resources for religious studies have been strengthened by the purchase of a unique collection of 7,000 volumes relating to the Jesuits. Representative of many of the features of religious activity over a period of more than four centuries, the collection contains such rare items as Le P. Philippe Alegambe's *Bibliotecha scriptorum Societatis Jesu,* Antwerp, 1643, and his *Mortes illustres et gesta eorum de Societate Jesu,* Rome, 1657, as well as such serials as *Analecta juris pontificii,* 1855-1911, and Migne's *Scripturae cursus completus,* Paris, 1857-60. Resources in this field have been developed by the acquisition of major serial sets such as *The month,* London, 1864-1969, *Revue biblique,* Paris, 1954-1964, *Revue de l'histoire des religions,* Paris, 1880-1904, and by new editions of collected works such as the *Opera omnia* of Desiderii Erasmus.

Research materials, both archival and printed, relating to historical, political and economic affairs in Britain are becoming increasingly available through a variety of reproduction programmes. One major publishing project in both reprint and microfilm is the *House of Lords sessional papers, 1641-1859,* for which the Library has placed an order. A number of 19th and early 20th century newspapers and journals published in London have been acquired on microfilm from the British Museum, including the *Morning chronicle,* 1801-1865, and the *Nonconformist,* 1841-1880, as well as the *Yorkshire factory times,* Huddersfield, 1889-1926, and *The Scotsman,* 1817-1918.

Other source materials for 19th century studies included microfilm of the *Letters of Field Marshal Viscount Wolseley* in the Hove Public Library, the *George Howell Papers* in the Bishopsgate Institute, London, and the *George Jacob Holyoake Papers* in the Co-operative Union Library, Manchester, while a pre-publication order was placed for the Harvester Press reprint programme of *Political party year books,* 1885-1948.

Further titles from the reprint series *Radical periodicals of Great Britain* were also purchased, as well as microfilm of a number of political journals dealing with the cultural and strategic ideology of the Communist Party of Great Britain, such as the *Communist review,* 1921-1935, *The Communist,* 1927-1928, and *Marxist quarterly,* 1954-1957.

The Library continues to complete as far as possible its holdings of the publications of British Record Societies and among major sets acquired this year were *Somerset & Dorset notes & queries,* 1890-1905, the *Proceedings of the Orkney Antiquarian Society,* 1924-1939, the *Dugdale Society Occasional papers,* Nos. 1-15, the *Transactions of the Denbighshire Historical Society,* 1952-1964, as well as a number of *Publications of the Scottish Record Society.*

Standard reference materials acquired during the year included complete backsets of *British standards* and *Chemical abstracts,* together with current subscriptions to both services. Emphasis has also been given to current publications relating to environmental control, pollution, oceanography and computer applications, as well as to medical serials necessary to support the MEDLARS operations described elsewhere in this Report.

The release by the United States Atomic Energy Commission of its *Reactor safety analysis reports (Docket series)* has enabled the Library to purchase microfiche of the 830 reports previously withheld as well as current reports. These are additional to its unclassified *Scientific and technical reports* which the Library has been receiving for some years.

The Library has placed an order with the Educational Resources Information Center for the air supply of all reports available on microfiche cited in issues of *Research in education,* the monthly abstract journal prepared by ERIC to disseminate information on research reports in the field of American education. A gift from the Social Science Research Council of Australia and the Australian Academy of the Humanities, in recognition of the facilities which the Library provides for both organisations, has been allocated to the purchase of two important reprints, the *Journal of higher education,* Columbus, 1930-1944 and the *Journal of Negro education,* Washington, D.C., 1932-1966.

In the field of American studies, microfilm and reprint programmes have enabled the Library to acquire such source materials as the microfilm of the papers of President Theodore Roosevelt in the Library of Congress, the papers of a leading New England Federalist, Timothy Pickering, 1759-1829, and the Lee Family Papers, 1742-1795, as well as all titles not already held in the reprint series *Radical periodicals in the United States, 1890-1960,* 1st and 2nd series.

As part of a programme which will continue for some years, the Library is acquiring from the United States National Archives and Records Service microfilm of the *Federal population census schedules,* of which the 1st (1790), the 4th (1820) and the 11th (1890) as well as the index to the 1890 Census, have been included in this year's acquisitions.

The Library is a member of the major American historical societies and continues to complete its holdings of their publications. This year it has completed its set of *Kentucky ancestors,* and purchased on microfilm the *Register* of the Kentucky Historical Society, 1901-1969, as well as the *Papers* of the New Haven

Colony Historical Society, 1865-1951. At the same time it has continued to acquire items recommended by the late Dr Stanley Pargellis from Wright Howes' *U.S. Iana (1650-1950).* 21% of the "11,620 uncommon and significant books relating to the continental portion of the United States" listed in this bibliography are now held by the Library.

Current subscriptions and 40 backsets of law reports, statutes and legal periodicals have increased the Library's coverage of these publications from Great Britain, Canada, the United States, New Zealand, many of the African countries, South Africa, France, Germany, Italy, Israel, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan and Latin America.

The Library has received or placed orders for a number of catalogues and union catalogues of important libraries and collections, which make a significant contribution to its bibliographical resources. These include the *Avery index to architectural periodicals,* Columbia University, 1963, with supplements 1-5 (1965-1969), the *Population index bibliography* of the Office of Population Research, Princeton University, the *Union catalogue of Asian publications* in some 25 British libraries, the *Union catalogue of the government of Ceylon publications held by libraries in London, Oxford and Cambridge,* the *Union catalogue of the government of Pakistan publications held by libraries in London, Oxford and Cambridge,* the *Subject catalogue of the Royal Commonwealth Society, London, Sources for the history of Irish civilisation: articles in Irish periodicals,* National Library of Ireland, *Catalogue of the Birmingham Shakespeare Library, Catalog of books and manuscripts at the Keats-Shelley Memorial House in Rome* and the *Catalog of the Oliveira Lima Library* of the Catholic University of America.

Although the Library has not yet developed a programme for the acquisition of publications in the vernacular languages of India, it is receiving regularly current publications in the English language from an agent in Madras State who supplied 520 titles during the year. The Library also acquired the Census Commission's *Atlases of India,* a number of *District gazetteers* and placed standing orders for 3 major publishing projects, the *Geographical encyclopaedia of ancient and medieval India,* being published by the Indic Academy, the *Comprehensive history of India,* sponsored by the Indian History Congress, and the *Fort William – India House correspondence,* to be published by the National Archives. A further addition to the Library's holdings on microfilm of *Reports* on Indian vernacular newspapers was 25 reels relating to Bengal for 1863-1903.

A valuable gift from the Indian Government presented by its High Commissioner in Australia was the Poona edition of *The Mahābhārata,* and *Samskriti,* published in Delhi in 1968. The Library was also grateful to receive from the National Council of Applied Economic Research its *Survey of India's export potential to twenty-six selected countries in the Indian Ocean basin and nearby areas,* published in 1970.

The flow of current publications selected and supplied by a number of overseas agents has continued to ensure the prompt receipt of major and scholarly works from the United States, Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, India, the U.S.S.R., South Africa, the Philippines, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the countries of Latin America.

Supporting materials for French studies included microfiche of the *Archives diplomatiques: recueil mensuel de diplomatique et de droit international,* Paris, Series I-IV, 1861-1914, and the *Archives parlementares de 1787 à 1860,* of which only Series I and II to January 1837 are available to date, and microfilm of the *French political pamphlets,* 1560 to 1653, in the Newberry Library, Chicago.

Other European materials included the secular edition of the works of Heinrich Heine, Goethe's *Gesprache,* the *Akten der Reichskanzei,* 1919-1938, the facsimile reprint of Alexander von Humboldt's *Voyage aux régions équinoxiales du nouveau continent,* commemorating the 200th anniversary of his birth; *Monumenti Antichi,* 1892-1969, first published by Reale Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in Rome and now reprinted; *Coleccion de documentos ineditos para la historia de Espana,* Madrid, and the *Actas de las Cortes de Castilla,* Madrid, 1882-1909, the *Collected papers* of the distinguished Dutch physicist Hendrik A. Lorentz, The Hague, 1934-1939, and the *Gedrukte wercken, 1611-1738,* of Pieter Corneliszoon Hooft being published by Amsterdam University Press.

East European materials include *Kultura,* 1948-1964, the cultural organ published in Paris of the Polish intelligentsia in exile, the reprint of the *Slavonic and East European review,* London, 1922-1940, and *Studia Copernicana,* being issued by the Instytut Wydawniczy to commemorate the 500th anniversary in 1973 of Copernicus' birth.

The Library has continued to add to its materials for Russian studies, a blanket order for current publications placed in 1969 bringing at least 2,000 monographs every year, while 43 newspapers are currently received by air. Retrospective items have been acquired through microform and reprint programmes and by exchange agreements with the Lenin State Library, the INIBON AN SSR, formerly known as the Fundamental Library of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., and the Saltykov-Shchedrin Library from which the Library has received a number of pre-Revolutionary imprints.

Important political, economic and literary journals received on microfilm during the year include *Na Agrarnom Fronte,* 1926-1935, *Pechat' I Revoliutsiia,* 1921-1930, *Severnyia Zapiski,* 1913-1917, *Zhizn',* 1897-1902, *Narodnoe Khoziaistvo,* 1918-1922, *Sovetskaia Iustitsiia,* 1922-1941, *Vestnik Kommunisticheskoi Akademii,* 1922-1935, and *Vlast' Sovetov,* 1917-1938.

Source materials for Scandinavian studies include 92 reels of microfilm from the Public Record Office, London, of *Danish state papers* and *Foreign Office general correspondence* relating to Denmark. Recent publications include the memoirs of a number of prominent political figures such as Einar Gerhardsen, Prime Minister of Norway, 1945-1965, Rainer von Fieandt, Edwin Linkomies and Kyösti Skytta, Prime Ministers of Finland, and the *Samlede vaerker* of Bjêrnstjerne Bjornson, Norwegian poet, dramatist and political agitator.

The Library was represented by its Liaison Officer in New York at the 16th Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) sponsored by the Organisation of American States and held at Puebla, Mexico, on 14-17 June 1971. The Library has been a regular participant in these seminars since 1964 and information obtained through personal contacts with librarians, publishers and book suppliers has proved useful in assessing suppliers services and in

developing exchanges with Latin American institutions.

## ORIENTAL STUDIES COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

Growth in the collections of materials in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Thai scripts has been maintained at a satisfactory level and 9,286 volumes, 732 new serial titles and 472 reels of microfilm were added. The collection now totals 94,598 volumes of monographs, 3,704 serial titles and 7,627 reels of microfilm.

Primary research material on modern and contemporary mainland China is obtained, usually in microfilm form, from sources outside the People's Republic. Significant additions to the Chinese collection included *Ta lu ti fang kuang po lu yin kao,* on 39 reels, a collection of transcripts of mainland China broadcasts from 40 local stations in 17 provinces and 2 municipalities between 1967 and 1969; *Microfilm materials on the Communist Party of China,* on 20 reels, containing 262 mimeographed and printed items relating to propaganda, training, organisation, political activities and the guerrilla warfare conducted by the Chinese Communist Party against Japanese occupation between 1930 and 1948; *Kung fei huo kuo shih liao hui pien* (Historical materials on the Communist Rebellion in China), compiled from documents preserved by the Nationalist government relating to the Chinese Communist movement, originally published or written by the Chinese Communists between 1921 and 1945. Material relating to the republican period of Chinese history included the newspaper *Shen pao* (The Shanghai times), on 131 reels, 1872-1887, 1910-1912, 1923-1949. This is regarded as one of the most influential newspapers published in China before 1949.

Japanese materials acquired covered mainly history, social sciences, fine arts and bibliography. The following items were particularly valuable additions: *Okuma monjo* (Okuma papers), on 29 reels, a reprint from papers of Shigenobu Okuma, a statesman in the Meiji-Taisho period, 1868-1926; *Nihon gaikōshi* (Diplomatic history of Japan) in 38 volumes; *Nichigō tsūshō gaikōshi* (A history of Japanese-Australian trade and diplomatic relations); and *Nenchū gyōji emaki* (Illustrated annual customs and festivals in Japan) on 17 scrolls.

Notable additions to the Korean collection were *Kungse hanguk oegyo munso chongmok* (Catalogue of foreign diplomatic documents relating to Korea, 1840-1910) and *Kukanguk oegyo munso* (Collection of documents from Korean Foreign Office, 1876-1908) in 24 volumes.

Thai acquisitions included *Warasan lae nangsu'phim nai prathet thai su'ng ti phun rawang pho so 2387-2477* (Periodicals and newspapers printed in Thailand between 1844 and 1934) and *Chotmai chah mu'ang thai* (Letters from Thailand), an outspoken treatment of the theme of Thai-Chinese relationships in Thailand.

There was a marked increase in use of the collections with 957 reference queries, 85% more than in the previous year, and 3,700 volumes sent on inter-library loan, an increase of 117%.

## RARE BOOK COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

The Jesuit collection described above, which includes many books printed before 1800, has been the most important single source of accessions to the Rare Book Room in the past year. The Library has also been favoured with a number of

gifts. During his visit to Australia in December, His Holiness Pope Paul VI presented to the Governor-General a facsimile of *La Bibbia di Borso d'Este,* a richly decorated manuscript Bible copied at Ferrara between 1455 and 1461. His Excellency has deposited the gift in the Library. A welcome gift from a private donor was a copy of the 4th edition of Sir William Blackstone's *Commentaries on the laws of England,* Oxford, 1770. The Library is subscribing to the edition of the *Opera omnia* of Machiavelli issued to mark the quin-centenary of his birth (1469-1969). This fine and limited edition is being printed at the Valdonega Press of Giovanni Mardersteig at Verona.

During the year more than 900 requests for books were received from 371 readers. Visitors to the 28 International Congress of Orientalists and to the 2nd David Nichol Smith Memorial Seminar in Eighteenth Century Studies contributed to those numbers. Staff of the section were actively involved in carrying out the Library's responsibilities to the Nichol Smith Seminar. These included the compilation and publication of a third volume of the *Short title catalogue* of 18th century British books in the libraries of the Australian Capital Territory.

## AUSTRALIAN COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

A number of important manuscript collections have been presented to the Library during the year. In most cases these collections comprised personal papers of men and women who have achieved national importance. They include such men in public life as Sir John Barry, Octavius Beale, Sir Keith Murdoch, Sir Keith Officer, Beauchamp Kerr-Pearse, Sir Malcolm Ritchie and Reverend Charles Strong. The papers of Prime Minister Andrew Fisher were presented by his son, Mr Henry Fisher, of London.

Literary manuscripts and related records have been strengthened by the addition of the papers of Katharine Susannah Prichard, presented by her son Mr R.P. Throssell of Canberra; those of Graham McInnes presented by his widow; Mrs C. Hennequel has presented manuscripts, correspondence, and published works assembled by her husband, the late Rolf Hennequel. Letters and manuscripts of the poet Harry Hooton and material assembled by Lance Loughrey were also acquired.

Records of the Australian theatre have been augmented by the papers of Sir Frank Tait, made available by Lady Tait. In the field of science and medicine the Library has been fortunate to acquire the papers of Dr Francis Ratcliffe, a leader in the conservation movement, and those of Dame Jean Macnamara relating to her work on myxomatosis, orthopaedics and polio research.

Material on aviation has been substantially increased by the papers of Norman Ellison, well known as a writer on the history of aviation and by the gift from Lady Taylor of the papers of Sir Gordon Taylor. A collection of letters of noted airmen has been lent for copying by Mr A.E. Byrne and documents concerning Mrs Millicent Bryant, the first woman in Australia to gain a pilot's licence, have been presented by her granddaughter.

A special project to acquire university theses in the social sciences and humanities has already resulted in a satisfactory nucleus of such a collection.

Organisations which have placed their records with the Library include the Australian Union of Students, Anzac Fellowship of Women and the Australian



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Federation of Women Voters. Records of the Socialist Labor Party of Australia, dating from the years after World War I, have been acquired and those of the Cambrian Society of Victoria were included in a collection of papers assembled by Mr Evan Thomas and presented by Miss Owen Thomas of Melbourne. The Victorian Branch of the Australian Labor Party has allowed its records to be microfilmed.

Closely related to the acquisition of personal papers is the Library's recently established programme, carried out by Mr Mel Pratt, formerly of the Australian News and Information Bureau, to record interviews with notable Australians. The 20 interviews completed this year included parliamentarians, business men, academics, public servants and journalists.

Recently received research material on microfilm includes further German Foreign Office records relating to the administration of Samoa and the papers of John Gould held in the Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge. These records, as well as the Australian interest papers in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, have been microfilmed under the Australian Joint Copying Project. The future copying programme was discussed with the Library's principal partner in the Project, the Library of New South Wales, at a conference in October, 1970.

The Library also participated in a programme arranged by the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau to microfilm the Australian, New Zealand and Pacific interest shipping records held in institutions in the New England area of the United States. Other shipping records, acquired through the help of Commander Alan Villiers, include the logs of British ships making voyages to the Pacific in the latter part of the 19th century. These records were formerly held by the British Registrar-General of Ships and Seamen.

In building up its collection of published Australiana the Library continues to approach associations, societies, political groups and organisations, covering a wide field of interests, to ensure receipt of all material issued. This activity has lately been extended to city, country, municipal and shire councils and bodies concerned with town planning and urban research.

Translations of works by Australian authors are continually identified by various means other than the normal printed bibliographies. These include the Library's blanket order agents in overseas countries, the Australian diplomatic missions abroad and the assistance of the authors themselves. Among translations recently acquired in many languages were works by Dymphna Cusack, Ernestine Hill, Henry Lawson, Douglas Lockwood, Alan Marshall, Mary Patchett, Ivan Southall, Judah Waten and Morris West.

The Library is also actively seeking works of New Guinea authors and Mr G. Katahanas of the Goroka Teachers College and Mr D. Maynard of the Bureau of Literature have assisted in tracing plays by indigenous authors published in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. Mr Katahanas has also supplied copies of six of his own plays both in Pidgin and English versions.

Efforts to include in the collections the works of Australian authors writing originally in languages other than English have also been successful and from a select bibliography of Latvian publications gaps in the collections have been identified and filled.

Special efforts have been made to strengthen the newspaper collection. Titles recently acquired, mainly on microfilm, include the *Narrabri herald, Sydney gazette, Yass courier, Burrangong courier, Guinea gold* and the *Town and country journal.* To preserve and complete its own set of *The Northern Territory times and gazette* the Library arranged the microfilming of a complete set from a variety of sources in Australia.

During the year over 400 retrospective items were acquired consisting of anthropological and missionary studies, early voyages, literary items and historical works including a number concerning the role of Portugal in the discovery of Australia.

Over 11,400 current works were received including 3,347 deposited in accordance with the provisions of the Copyright Act. Approximately 4,000 new serial titles were acquired including reports of companies, government departments, organisations and societies.

Steady research use continues to be made of the Australian collections. The tendency, noted in last year's Report, for scholars to concentrate on aspects of relatively recent history has continued.

Special attention was drawn to the Library's collection of Henry Handel Richardson material by arranging in November 1970 a one-day seminar to commemorate the centenary of the writer's birth. A bibliography was issued to mark the occasion.

## PICTORIAL COLLECTION AND SERVICES

The collection was widely used for reference and research and as the source of illustrations for books, periodicals and films. Among the topics of books for which illustrations were sought were the history of Canberra, early motoring, Tierra del Fuego, the Monaro district, and the discovery and exploration of Australia. Extensive use was made of the collection by Australian and overseas publishers of illustrated part-works – works published in regular weekly parts over an extended period. Material from the collection was used by the makers of films on the artist S.T. Gill, on the photographer J.W. Lindt, on drug taking, on skiing, on the architect Walter Burley Griffin and an early Federal politics in Australia.

The Explorers' Club, New York awarded its Explorer's Medal to Michael Leahy, whose photographs of the New Guinea highlands in the early 1930's are a treasured part of the collection. They were used during the year for a biography of Leahy and a film about him.

In encouraging the widest possible use of the collection consistent with its preservation, heavy demands were made on the photographic service. A total of 6,886 photographs, an increase of 67% from last year, was ordered by 565 clients.

A large watercolour by William Westall of Port Bowen was purchased in London to complement the collection of his watercolours and drawings, formerly belonging to the Royal Commonwealth Society, purchased in 1969. Among additions to the Rex Nan Kivell Collection was a portrait in pastels of the collector by Robert Buhler. Other portraits acquired were a crayon drawing of Hans Heysen made in his 90th year by Joshua Smith and a long-term loan from Miss Helen Palmer of a portrait of her mother Nettie, by Lina Bryans. Miss Eirene Mort presented an album

of her sketches, watercolours and etchings from the 1920's and 1930's of historic scenes and buildings in New South Wales and southern Queensland. Miss Mort previously gave to the Library her Canberra and Tasmanian albums.

An interesting acquisition was a collection of approximately 550 glass negatives of Gundagai, photographed between 1890 and 1923 by Dr C.L. Gabriel, the town doctor. It is of particular interest in illustrating aspects of social life and medical practice of the period. A unique collection of stereoscopes, stereoscopic cameras and viewing equipment was presented by the estate of H.A. Tregellas, the former Secretary of the Australian Section of the Stereoscopic Society. The collection also included some early books and journals on photography in general. The Library has continued to receive photographs discarded from newspaper libraries which are of value in updating the collections.

The year has been the first of full operation of the conservation facilities. The conservator concentrated on the treatment of prints and the preparation of pictures for exhibitions but also cleaned and restored a number of oil paintings and repaired some maps and manuscripts. A vacuum hot table was installed and more work with oil paintings will now be possible.

## MAP COLLECTION AND SERVICES

There was a satisfactory growth in the use made of the map collection. Almost 1800 requests were received, an increase of 21% over the previous year's figure. The demand for maps and related materials continues to show a high proportion of requests at more advanced levels with the bulk of the requests coming from members of universities, government departments and colleges of advanced education. There is a continuing interest in the aerial photograph collection, particularly for those areas for which no detailed topographic mapping exists.

The map collection now totals 224,130 maps, an increase of 6%. More than half of the year's acquisitions was for the Australasian and South West Pacific areas and included both current and retrospective material. Of the other overseas areas, a satisfactory rate of growth was maintained for North America and Western Europe, particularly Canada and Great Britain. Acquisition of new mapping of South and Southeast Asian countries continues to be disappointing.

Some progress has been made with arrangement and control of the collection. Although the backlog of cataloguing of single sheet maps continues to increase, most of the maps in series are now arranged in series order with holdings shown by index maps.

Acquisitions of rare and historical material included a bound collection of 28 maps entitled *New map of the world* consisting of sheets from atlases by Laurie, Whittle and Cary dated about 1794 and the 1776 Paris edition of Flamsteed's *Atlas Coelestis.*

Among the facsimiles of notable atlases purchased during the year were the great 18th century Dutch Sea Atlas by Johannes Van Keulen 1716-53, *Blaeu's Atlas of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, 1645-54,* and the *Atlas der grossen Kurfürsten.* This latter is a reproduction at reduced scale of what is probably the largest atlas in the world, containing, as it does, a series of wall-maps and charts produced by such famous Dutch cartographers as J. Blaeu, F. de Witt and H.

Hondins between 1647-1667. Important current atlases added to the collection included *Atlas of London and the London region,* 1968; *The national atlas of the United States* published by the U.S. Geological Survey in 1970, and the *Atlas of Alberta,* 1969.

## FILM COLLECTION AND SERVICES

The use of the Film Study Collection by film study groups, producers and experimentalists, which has been so much in evidence in recent years following the upsurge of interest and activity in the Australian film industry, continued to increase during the year.

A similar increase was noticeable in the use made by film and television producers of early Australian films and unedited footage in the archive. Of special significance was the selection by officers of the Commonwealth Film Unit of the Australian News and Information Bureau of additional material for inclusion in the second film in the series *The pictures that moved.* The first film in the series, recording the history of the cinema in this country, was received with such enthusiasm both here and abroad that the Library is happy to continue its association with a notable production.

Four hundred and twenty four films, the result of a year's work by Australian producers, were listed in *Australian films.* A proportion of these is included in the 446 films added to the general lending collection and listed in the *Catalogue of 16mm films.*

Of the many encouraging additions to the archive by donation, exchange and purchase at print cost, perhaps those items most deserving mention are the 35mm negatives or master positives of the Cinesound feature films placed on deposit with the Library immediately after their release on television by the Australian Broadcasting Commission. An additional 2 million feet of nitrate film were deposited with the Library, bringing the total holding to 3 million feet. Approximately 370,000 feet were transferred to safety stock for preservation.

About 15,000 stills were added during the year to the Taussig Collection of motion picture stills. The collection now consists of more than 50,000 stills from European, American and Australian feature films.

The distribution of 35,366 films represented an increase of 11% on last year's figures. Less than 50% of requests for loan were fulfilled because a large proportion of films requested were already booked eighteen months ahead. It is proposed in the next financial year to allocate increased funds to the purchase of multiple prints. Loans for the year involved the checking, and where necessary the repair and maintenance, of some 40,000,000 feet of film.

The provision of an additional viewing room and an assistant projectionist made it possible to meet more adequately the increasing number of requests received for the screening of films for government departments, other official bodies, representatives of overseas Governments and film and television producers. The number of reels screened increased by 29% to 5,682, involving 947 hours of projection. The Embassies of Belgium, Denmark and Italy are in the course of adding their film collections to those of other Embassies in Canberra for whose distribution and maintenance the Library has accepted responsibility.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Total production of the photographic unit for the year increased by 67% and comprised 19,855 prints of varying sizes, 6,170 negatives, and 1,401 colour transparencies. Requests came mainly from publishers, authors and academic staff. The addition to the staff of an assistant photographer enabled the unit to handle increased work but there was an even greater increase in the number of orders. Apart from the normal supply of reproduction quality prints and transparencies the unit also provided most of the photographic work for library exhibitions.

## LIBRARY SERVICES TO COMMONWEALTH TERRITORIES

The building originally constructed in 1934 as the first wing of a proposed National Library, and which had in recent years accommodated the headquarters of Canberra Public Library Service, was demolished during the year to permit construction of a major Commonwealth office complex. The Central Library of the C.P.L.S. was transferred to temporary permises in Kingston, where a children's service point was added to the service. The new location, though less central than Kings Avenue, is well situated to serve the South District of Canberra. Circulation to readers was maintained without disruption and the annual level of activity sustained. The Central Administration of the C.P.L.S. has also been located in the new premises. The requirement for a permanent central library to serve the A.C.T. continues to be kept under review in its continuing discussions with the National Capital Development Commission.

The Belconnen Branch Library began full time operation in November, bringing to five the number of branches in Canberra offering full service to adults and children. There are in addition seven children's service points. The Mobile Library continued to provide an interim service to adults and children who live in the developing suburbs and in the rural districts of the A.C.T.

Bookstock totals 338,006 volumes, annual issues to a membership of 65,160 totalled 1,188,430, and 30,862 readers' requests were processed.

Assistance to the Northern Territory's public libraries this year included the provision of in-service training in public library work for a graduate librarian prior to her commencing duty in Darwin in March. One thousand books acquired on behalf of the Northern Territory Library Service were catalogued and despatched to Darwin.

Bulk loans of books were consigned to the Commonwealth Territories of Christmas Island, Cocos Island, Norfolk Island, Antarctica and Wreck Bay. Fifty-four books, forming the nucleus of a reference collection, were purchased for Christmas Island.

As part of the normal services given by other sections of the Library to libraries in Commonwealth Territories, 4,250 films were lent to New Guinea, Northern Territory and Norfolk Island. In addition films from the Library are used to maintain pool collections operating in Darwin and Alice Springs.

## AUSTRALIAN REFERENCE LIBRARIES OVERSEAS

The National Library has extended its service to Australian diplomatic, consular, trade and immigration posts overseas. Service is now provided to 96 posts

as compared with 77 in 1969-70. $42,500 was spent on maintaining collections in the various overseas libraries.

## CONTROL OF THE COLLECTIONS

Measures were taken to increase the amount of material coming under final control. These were the provision of clerical positions for the editing of Library of Congress catalogue cards, and the introduction of new procedures for arranging and indexing pamphlets published by foreign governments. There was an improvement of 16% in the number of titles catalogued and an additional 10,000 pamphlets were brought under final control.

However, the proportion of titles under final control in the collections at the close of the year was 66% as compared with 68% given for the previous year. This is accounted for partly by the intake of new material which could not be catalogued and partly by revision of the statistical base on which the state of control is calculated: as a by-product of progressive stocktaking, the number of titles already fully catalogued was found to be fewer than had previously been estimated. On this revised base the amount of material under intermediate control rose from 29% to 30% and initial control from 3% to 4%.

A disturbing level of cataloguing arrears has in fact continued. Growth in the initial control category was accelerated by the intake of a number of formed collections during the year. There was also an increase in the number of foreign language titles under intermediate control. Priority in cataloguing is given to current English language meterial since this represents the category in highest demand on reader and interlibrary loan services.

Stocktaking of the Library's book collections made good progress during the year, although the working team could at no time be fully staffed. A notable, if secondary, benefit of the stocktaking operation is the progressive verification of records in the now closed dictionary catalogue which had been compiled, without major revision, over many years

## NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

The Library's national role is emphasized in its bibliographical services. By publishing the national bibliography in its several elements, by co-operating internationally in cataloguing the world's literature and by offering a catalogue card service for both Australian and overseas publications, the Library enables other Australian libraries to effect economies in their own increasing cataloguing costs and provides them with indexing services that would be beyond the capacity of individual libraries to produce for themselves.

The Library's regular bibliographical publication programme was maintained. From January 1971 entries for acts and bill no longer appeared in *Australian national bibliography*. This material is now listed in *Australian government publications* published as a quarterly from 1971, in addition to regular annual publication. The *Bibliography of urban studies in Australia. First edition: 1966-1968* was published for the Australian Institute of Urban Studies. This bibliography was compiled by the Institute, which proposes to keep it updated.



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The total number of cards sold by the Catalogue Card Service for Australian and overseas publications fell from 786,000 to 699,000. The decline was in cards for Australian publications which went down to 494,000, a drop of 25%. This reflected some falling off in demand for cards, but it was also due in part to the altered scope of *Australian national bibliography,* as a result of which cards for acts of Parliament are no longer offered and included in subscribers' card sets. Sales of cards for overseas publications rose from 124,000 to 205,000. The National Library's own card requirements continued to grow so that overall production of catalogue cards for this and other libraries rose slightly to 1,600,000.

A small unit was established for investigatory work on an Australian MARC (MAchine Readable Catalog) service linked with computer production of *Australian national bibliography* (ANB). During the year *ANB/MARC: first progress report* and a draft Australian MARC format specification were widely distributed to libraries for comment and information. Arrangements were made with the *British national bibliography* for adoption of the computer programs used in production of that bibliography for implementing the ANB/MARC system. Work is continuing on the feasibility of a national MARC record service through which machine-readable records created by the Library for current Australian monographs will be offered to Australian libraries along with other MARC records obtained from national bibliographical centres overseas.

## NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUES

Entries received for the National Union Catalogue of Monographs totalled 462,000 an increase of 13% over the previous year's intake. This Catalogue now covers approximately 6,000,000 entries with 5,000,000 filed in the main sequence. Serial entries totalling 43,000 were received, an increase of 23% over the figure for 1969-70.

The growing intake of serial entries puts a severe load on staff available for revising the published union list, *Serials in Australian libraries: social sciences and humanities.* However, 505 revised pages of this publication were issued during the year.

The catalogues of 20 special libraries in Sydney were microfilmed for the National Union Catalogue of Monographs, making a total of 125,000 entries on microfilm. Microfilming of special library catalogues in Melbourne was well under way at the close of the year.

Integration of the converted library catalogues microfilmed in earlier years continues to make only slow progress because of staff shortages. At the close of the year there remain 5 sequences amounting to just under one million cards outside of the main file. All are readily searchable.

## MEDICAL LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

The introductory, pilot phase of the Australian MEDLARS Services was completed. MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) is a computerised information retrieval system which offers access by subject to citations to over 1,000,000 articles from the world's biomedical literature. It is made available in Australia by agreement between the Library and the National

Library of Medicine, Bethesda, U.S.A., which first developed and continues to control MEDLARS.

Since the Australian MEDLARS Service was declared fully operational in May 1971, computing services have been provided by the Department of Health in Canberra. Prior to this, and notably in the developmental stages of the Service, computing support had been provided by the Basser Computing Department of the University of Sydney.

A total of 791 requests was received to search the cumulated citations held on magnetic tape for material on a specific topic. Bibliographies supplied to users as a result of these serches contained an average of 150 periodical articles. This compares with 123 search requests received in the period October 1969 to June 1970. The majority of requests continue to come from research institutions.

In accordance with the terms of the Library's agreement with the National Library of Medicine, the Service is gradually undertaking further responsibilities: MEDLARS search service has been extended to New Zealand, and over 2,000 articles from medical journals have been indexed for input to the MEDLARS data base compiled in the United States.

STISEC

During the year an important development occurred in relation to the planning of national information services in science and technology. The Scientific and Technological Information Services Enquiry Committee (STISEC) was established under the sponsorship of the National Library. Its terms of reference are to

- Investigate the national need for scientific and technological information services in Australia, particularly from the user viewpoint.
- In relation to the national need, examine and report upon:
  (a) the general availability of scientific and technological literature and in particular, the major deficiencies in that resource.
  (b) the means by which access to existing resources, including unpublished material may be improved by the development of union catalogues, inter-library loan, photocopy, translation, location and other services of traditional library type.
  (c) information retrieval systems either in use or not yet available in Australia.
- Suggest means whereby needs identified by its enquiries may be met in the national interest.

The Committee has a wide ranging membership reflecting the special experience of universities, other tertiary education institutions, government departments, C.S.I.R.O., industry and libraries.

The Committee is examining the needs of individuals and organisations for scientific and technical information with a view to bringing forward proposals which will assist in the formulation of a national policy in this important area. It will assess the adequacy and availability of existing resources and the access to them and will also study the use of computer-based information retrieval systems drawing upon overseas experience with such systems.

The Committee has a full-time Secretariat of four which is housed in the National Library. The Library wishes to record its appreciation of the generous

contribution made by Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd., the Australian National University, and C.S.I.R.O. which seconded to the Secretariat senior staff whilst continuing to meet their salaries. STISEC hopes to complete the major part of its work by the end of 1971.

## NATIONAL CLEARING CENTRE

In 1955 with the support of the Australian UNESCO Committee for Libraries and the state exchange centres, the National Library accepted the role of a national centre for the relocation of duplicate library materials between libraries. Material surplus to the requirements of one library will often be much sought after by another library. The creation of major libraries in newly established universities and colleges of advanced education continues to underline the important role of the Clearing Centre in assisting such libraries to acquire basic collections of older material. During the year 336 lists of duplicates from libraries throughout Australia were distributed to 394 participants in the Clearing Centre system. The Centre also allocated 1,146 feet of duplicates from the National Library and Commonwealth departmental libraries to libraries in the system. Regular consignments of United States government publications were distributed to libraries in Canberra and the Centre continued to control the stocks and despatch of the National Library's own publications.

During the year two major distribution tasks were undertaken. Unbound Victorian *Parliamentary papers* for 1851-62 and 1884-86 were sorted and sets distributed to 67 libraries. These *Papers* were deposited in the Clearing Centre by the Victorian Parliament for general distribution. A second consignment covering later years was received at the end of the year and a further distribution will take place during the coming year.

Australian Commonwealth, States and Territories government publications which had accumulated in the Clearing Centre from a number of sources over a period of some years were offered to major libraries throughout Australia and the Territories. The requests received revealed once again the paucity of such material in research libraries.

## AUSTRALIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SERVICES

As part of its contribution to planning at the national level for the development of library services, the Library has continued to support the work of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services (AACOBS) by providing the Secretariat for the Council and its special committees, and by producing its publications, including AACOBS first annual report containing a history of its activities since its inception in 1965. Sir Alister McMullin, Deputy Chairman of the National Library Council, continued to serve as the independent Chairman. The National Library has been represented by the Chairman of its Council and by the National Librarian, who has also been a member of the AACOBS Standing Committee.

During the year the Secretariat, in close co-operation with various sections of the National Library when this has been necessary and under the guidance of AACOBS

and its Standing Committee, has been engaged in the execution of its surveys of library resources which have been undertaken in various subject fields. The survey of music resources sponsored by AACOBS in conjunction with the Australian Council of the Arts and the National Library has been completed, and consideration of the resulting report and implementation of its recommendations are now under way. Two other surveys are in progress. Planning for the survey of medical library resources is completed and the main survey is expected to commence in early 1972. Preliminary stages of the survey of Southeast Asian materials are almost completed.

During the year, the Council continued to consider the development of national book resources to supplement and extend the action initiated by the Tauber survey of Australian library resources made in 1961 and by the recommendations which followed the National Book Resources Development Committee Report of 1965. Work in this field has included a survey of existing patterns of library service in Australia to serve as a basis for the preparation of plans for the logical pattern of library services and the abovementioned surveys. AACOBS has also investigated library provision in the area of school and children's libraries and has supported the Commonwealth STISEC enquiry referred to elsewhere in this Report. Other AACOBS activity has included the promotion of local history collections in public libraries, the implementation of a programme of microfilming Australian Parliamentary Papers, an investigation of the feasibility of bulk air supply of overseas materials, the design of an inter-library loan form for Australian use, and representation to the Commonwealth Government for Federal aid to public libraries.

## EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP

At the end of 1970, 39 Librarians-in-Training completed their qualifications at the Canberra College of Advanced Education, the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and the University of New South Wales. Thirteen of these were appointed as Librarians Class I to the National Library and 26 were appointed to various Commonwealth Departments. Seven trainees withdrew from the course before sitting for examinations and represented a wastage rate of 14.6%. Two Librarians-in-Training had their traineeships terminated for failure at examinations.

Twenty-five Library Officers-in-Training completed their course of studies in 1970, 12 being appointed as Library Officers Grade I to the National Library and 13 to Commonwealth Departments. At the National Library Training School 69 Library Officers-in-Training attempted 318 papers of the Registration Examination of the Library Association of Australia and passed in 263, 17 with merit. The national pass rate in 1970 Registration Examination was 67%. The overall pass rate for Library Officers-in-Training was 82.7%. Ten Library Officers-in-Training withdrew from the course before sitting for the Registration Examination. This represents a wastage rate of 12.7%. Seven Library Officers-in-Training had their traineeships terminated for failure at examinations.

In 1971, 67 Librarians-in-Training commenced their studies. Thirty-two of these were placed at the Canberra College of Advanced Education, 8 at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and 27 at the University of New South Wales. Thirty-one



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of these trainees are destined for the National Library and 36 for Commonwealth Departments.

Fifty-seven Library Officers-in-Training commenced the first year of their course in 1971. Thirty-eight trainees are enrolled in the second year of the course. Difficulties are still being experienced in recruiting Library Officers-in-Training. In 1971 only 57% of the number required commenced the course. All are being trained for Commonwealth Departments. The total enrolment of the National Library Training School in 1971 is 122. Twenty-seven of these are private students attempting to complete the Registration Examination. Only private students who had already passed some subjects of the Registration Examination were enrolled in 1971.

The Library's role as a central training authority for the Librarian-in-Training and Library Officer-in-Training schemes reduces the capacity of the Training School to implement full scale in-service training programmes. However, the continuing arrangement with the Canberra College of Advanced Education to teach first year Library Officers-in-Training enabled the introduction of the following in-service training courses:

Introduction Course for Librarians-in-Training for the National Library
Course in Catalogue Searching for Clerical Assistants
Course in Choice of Headings for Precataloguers
Continuing Education Programme for new professional and administrative staff.

## REPRESENTATION AND ADVISORY SERVICES

As Chairmen, Sir Grenfell Price and Sir Peter Crisp continued to represent the Library on the Australian UNESCO Committee for Libraries and Related Fields, on the Library Association of Australia as its Institutional Member, and on the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services. Sir Peter Crisp served as Chairman of the Scientific and Technological Information Services Enquiry Committee, on which Sir Leonard Huxley also represented the Council.

The Deputy Chairman, Sir Alister McMullin, continued as independent Chairman of the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services.

Dr. Hoff represented the Council on the Committee of Trustees of the National Photographic Index of Australian Birds, of which Sir Leonard Huxley and Sir Harold Wyndham are also members.

The National Librarian represented the Library on a number of bodies in accordance with the Council's policy of making the special experience of the staff widely available to those concerned with study and research and cultural affairs. Among these bodies were the Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographical Services, the Australian National Film Board and the Australian UNESCO Committees for Letters, Mass Communications and Libraries and Related Fields.

Participation by members of the Library staff in the 2nd David Nichol Smith Seminar, the 28 International Congress of Orientalists, the Conference of Southeast Asian Librarians, Singapore, and the 16th Seminar on the acquisition of Latin American Library Materials, Puebla, Mexico is mentioned elsewhere in this Report. Attendance at the two latter meetings are part of an increased activity of this type by the Library's officers overseas. Attendance at conferences and meetings by the

Library's officers in London has proved a fruitful source of up-to-date information on overseas developments in librarianship.

Mr. A. Ellis represented Australia at the London meeting of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations Committee on Engineering Information 2-3 March. Mr J. Vaughan respresented the Library at the Conference of the New Zealand Library Association on 7-11 February whilst visiting New Zealand to conduct two MEDLARS seminars.

## EXHIBITIONS

On 23 August at a ceremony held in the theatre the Governor-General opened the 2nd David Nichol Smith Memorial Seminar. To mark the occasion a comprehensive exhibition of 18th century books, prints and paintings was mounted on the mezzanine floor and theatre foyer and was seen by more than 81,000 visitors during the two months it remained on display.

An exhibition of the author's works, including original manuscripts, was arranged in the theatre foyer to coincide with the opening on 23 November of the Henry Handel Richardson Seminar which was organised to honour the centenary of the author's birth.

A major exhibition of Asian art and books was arranged in conjunction with opening of the 28 International Congress of Orientalists. Sir William Dargie opened the exhibition at a ceremony held in the theatre on 6 January. The exhibition attracted over 58,000 visitors before it closed at the end of February.

In association with the British Council the Library exhibited on the mezzanine floor during March and April some 2,000 British books on art together with 74 reproductions of Hans Holbein drawings from the Royal Collection. The Library displays materials from its own collections in an active exhibition programme, in addition to offering hospitality to visiting exhibitions appropriate to the Library's activity. A major pictorial exhibition based on the Library's resources, took as its theme the social history of the Australian city, 1850-1900.

Several smaller exhibitions of material drawn from the Library's own resources were arranged in the theatre foyer including one on surveys of the Australian coast, and another on the Middle Ages and Renaissance mounted in connection with the Caxton Quincentennial Seminar organised by the Australian and New Zealand Society for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

## PUBLISHING SERVICES

The appointment of a Director of Publications has been referred to earlier in this Report. This position will enable the coordination and development of the Library's present publishing programme.

During the year under review, in addition to its regular bibliographical publications, the Library published:

*Oxford and Cambridge University Club's pamphlet collection; contents list,* 236p.

*Short title catalogue of books printed in the British Isles, the British colonies and the United States of America and of English books printed elsewhere, 1701-1800, held in the libraries of the Australian Capital Territory,* Volume 3,

supplement, edited by Ivan Page. 105p. Supplements volumes 1 and 2, published 1966.

*The eighteenth century; a catalogue of an exhibition at the National Library of Australia in connection with the Second David Nichol Smith Memorial Seminar in Eighteenth Century Studies, Canberra, 23rd-29th August, 1970.* 35p. The Seminar was jointly sponsored by the National Library, the Australian National University Library and the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

*Henry Handel Richardson, 1870-1946; a bibliography to honour the centenary of her birth*, compiled by Gay Howells. 82p. Published on the occasion of a one day seminar and and exhibition held at the National Library to mark the centenary.

*Bibliography of urban studies in Australia. First edition: 1966-1968,* edited bv Gavin Walkley. 78p. Published for the Australian Institute of Urban Studies.

*Checklist of oversea bank publications; holdings at 1 February, 1971*. 72p.

*Indian periodicals and newspapers; holdings at 31 December, 1969*. 211p.

*Southeast Asian periodicals and official publications; holdings at 31 March, 1970*. parts 1-5.

*Asian art and Asian books; 28 International Congress of Orientalists; catalogue of an exhibition drawn by the National Library from Australian collections to mark the 28 Congress of Orientalists in Canberra, January 6-12, 1971*. 31p.

*Netherlands films*. 20p.

*Current Australian serials; a select list*. 7th edition. 160p.

*Acquisitions newsletter*. no. 1-6.

*The National Union Catalogue of the National Library of Australia; the catalogues, the location service, the List of unlocated research books, interlibrary loan, directions for contributing libraries, symbols used for contributing libraries*. 40p.

Sales of the Library's regular publications, together with new titles added during the year, and prints and postcards sold in the Print Shop amounted to $28,139.

## OPERATION AND USE OF THE BUILDING

During the year the Library attracted large numbers of readers and tourists. A total of 414,000 entered the building including 63,500 who used reading room facilities. The architecture of the building, and its art-works, particularly in the entrance foyer, continued to arouse favourable comment.

The heavy demand placed on the Library's Conference Room and Theatre facilities indicates that these are now firmly established as venues for meetings and seminars conducted by government departments and national and international scholarly groups.

The previously unfinished areas of Lower Ground Floor 2 were completed during the year to provide space for the growth of the collections and planning is proceeding with the object of completing the remaining unfinished areas in Lower Ground Floor 1 in the near future. The completion of Lower Ground Floor 1 will mark the end of Stage 1 of the master building plan, the provision of further accommodation for staff, readers and collections being possible only by visible extensions to the buildings.

The maintenance and operation of the building continued to be effectively conducted by the Commonwealth Departments involved and cleaning and security services have been satisfactorily maintained during the year.

## FINANCE

The amount paid to the National Library of Australia from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the financial year 1970/71 was $4,382,000. These funds and the balance brought forward were expended or substantially committed during the year. Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for the financial year 1970/71 are appended. The Auditor-General for the Commonwealth, has reported to the Minister on these statements in accordance with Section 27(3) of the National Library Act 1960-67. The Auditor-General's report is also appended.

## STAFF

The total of 133 professional staff at 30th June 1971 is an increase of 23 over the figure for the previous year. There were 93 Librarians and 40 Library Officers compared with 80 and 30 respectively last year.

The advancement of 13 trainees as Librarians and 12 as Library Officers accounts in general terms for the gain but there were staff losses including some former trainees. Numerically these losses were balanced by other recruitment. The losses sustained were by resignation for domestic or vocational reasons, transfer or promotion within the Commonwealth Service, and in two cases, retirement.

The staffing situation remained critical partly due to the difficulty of recruiting professional staff where vacancies at 30th June comprised 13 Librarian and 13 Library Officer positions.

The Assistant National Librarian, Mr C.A. Burmester, I.S.O., who served the Library for 35 years in senior positions in almost all areas of its operations retired in October 1970. He was succeeded by Mr W.D. Richardson, the former Canberra Public Librarian. Mr W.K. Oakes, Inspector, Work Study who had been responsible for the development of staff organisation proposals since 1966 and many of the work procedures in use since the transfer to the new Library was promoted to the Public Service Board. The invaluable services of Messrs. Burmester and Oakes are gratefully acknowledged.

## ORGANISATION OF THE LIBRARY

By virtue of Section 17 of the National Library Act the National Librarian is the executive officer of the Council and has under the Council, the conduct of the affairs of the Library. Work is decentralised through a structure of six sections which are co-ordinated through the Assistant National Librarian. The senior officers of the Library and their sections at present are given below together with the names of Consultants who have served the Library during the year.

## EXECUTIVE

| | |
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| National Librarian | A.P. Fleming, O.B.E., B.A. |
| Assistant National Librarian | W.D. Richardson, B.A., F.L.A., A.L.A.A. |

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| Director of Publications | Vacant |
| Secretary to the Council | E.R. Vellacott, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** | |
| Principal Librarian | Miss D.J. Penfold, B.Ec., A.L.A.A. |
| Chief Acquisition Librarian | Miss J.A. Baskin, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Chief Selection Librarian | Miss M. Linley, B.A., B.Com., A.L.A.A. |
| Senior Selection Librarians | R.A. Baker, B.A., Dip.Ed., Dip.Lib.<br>R.T. Stone, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| Senior Gift & Exchange Librarian | Miss M.I. Murphy, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| Senior Preparation Librarian | Mrs R.D. Wilson, B.A., A.L.A. |
| Senior Liaison Librarian, AACOBS | R.L. Drake, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| **BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SERVICES** | |
| Principal Librarian | Miss J. Kenny, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Chief Cataloguer | Mrs J.C. Braithwaite, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Chief Editor, National Bibliography | Vacant |
| Senior Cataloguers, Monographs | Miss F.E. Rose, B.A., A.L.A.A.<br>Miss J. Hocking, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Senior Cataloguer, Australian | Mrs E.A. McDonald, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| Senior Cataloguer, Serials | Miss J.E. Flesch, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Senior Cataloguer, Revision | J. Van Pelt, LL.M., A.L.A.A. |
| Editor, National Union Catalogue | Mrs J. Sullivan, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Editor, Current Australian Bibliography | Miss J. Fullerton, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| Senior Specialist Librarian, Orientalia | Sing-Wu Wang, M.A. |
| Senior Librarian, Australian MEDLARS Centre | J. Vaughan, B.Sc., Dip.Lib., A.L.A.A. |
| **USER SERVICES** | |
| Principal Librarian | W.D. Thorn, B.Com., A.L.A.A. |
| Chief Librarian, Australian Studies | Mrs. P. Fanning, M.B.E., B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Chief Reference Librarian | D. Barron, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| Co-ordinator of Special Resources | R.J. Wallace, B.A. |
| Senior Reference Librarians | I. Kepars, B.A., A.L.A.A.<br>Miss M.P. Sexton, B.A., A.L.A.A.<br>Miss E.A. Stone, B.A., A.L.A.A.<br>Miss B. Udris, B.A., Dip.Lib., A.L.A.A. |



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| Senior Specialist Librarian Maps | T.M. Knight, B.A., Dip.Ed., F.R.G.S. |
| Senior Specialist Librarian Films | C. Gilbert, B.A., LL.B. |
| Senior Specialist Librarian Pictorial | Miss C.E. Kiss, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Senior Specialist Librarian Rare Books | I.J. Page, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Senior Specialist Librarian Manuscripts | G. Powell, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| **EXTENSION SERVICES** | |
| Canberra Public Librarian | |
| Canberra Extension Librarian | Vacant |
| Senior Extension Librarian | Vacant |
| Senior Branch Librarian | Miss M.P. Baggot, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| **TRAINING AND LIAISON SERVICES** | |
| Director of Training | T.C. Triffitt, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Senior Specialist Librarians | Mrs. D. Richardson, B.A., Dip.Lib.<br>Miss A.M.B. Edwards, B.A., Dip.Lib. |
| **SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION SERVICES** | |
| Head of Secretariat | A. Ellis, B.A., F.L.A. |
| **MANAGEMENT SERVICES SECTION** | |
| Director | G.E. Clark |
| Special Projects Officer | J. Edwards |
| Work Study Officer | D.G. Garland |
| Accountant | E. Burns |
| Establishment Officer | W.D. Crawford |
| **OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES** | |
| Chief Liaison Librarian, London | P.H. Saunders, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Senior Liaison Librarian, New York | R.R. Paton, B.A., A.L.A.A. |
| Indonesian Acquisition Officer Djakarta | W.G. Miller, B.A., Dip.Lib., A.L.A.A. |
| **CONSULTANTS** | |
| Consultant on Conservation | W.M. Boustead |

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| Consultant on Photographic Collections | K. Burke |
| Design Consultant | A.J. Robinson |

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION SERVICES ENQUIRY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Sir Peter Crisp, LL.B – Formerly a Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, and Chairman of the National Library Council, Chairman of the Committee.

Mr V.D. Burgmann, B.Sc., B.E., M.I.E.E., A.M.I.E.Aust., F.T.I. – Member of C.S.I.R.O. Executive.

Dr D.A.N. Cromer, D.Sc.For., M.Sc., Dip.For., F.I.F.A. – Director-General, Commonwealth Forestry and Timber Bureau.

Mr F.D.O. Fielding, M.A., A.L.A., F.L.A.A. – University Librarian, University of Queensland.

Mr L.M. Harris, B.Sc. – First Assistant Director-General, Engineering, Planning and Research, P.M.G. Department.

Sir Leonard Huxley, K.B.E., M.A., Ph.D., F.Inst.P. – Member of the Council of the National Library and formerly Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University.

Dr P.G. Law, C.B.E., M.Sc., D.App.Sc., F.A.I.P. – Vice-President, Victoria Institute of Colleges.

Mr G.D. Richardson, O.B.E., M.A., F.L.A.A. – Principal Librarian, Library of New South Wales.

Dr K.L. Sutherland, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.A.A., A.R.I.C., M.A.I.M.M., F.R.A.C.I. – Director of Research and Development, Colonial Sugar Refining Co.

Dr W.J. McG. Tegart, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.I.M. – Research Manager, Melbourne Research Laboratories, Broken Hill Proprietary Co.

Mr H.A. Wills, O.B.E., B.E., C.Eng., F.R.Ae.S., Hon. M.S.A.E. (Aust.) – Chief Defence Scientist, Department of Defence, with Mr T.F.C. Lawrence, B.Sc., B.E., M.I.E.Aust., A.F.R.Ae.S. – Deputy Secretary (Research and Engineering), Department of Supply as alternate.

SECRETARIAT

Mr A. Ellis – Principal Librarian, National Library of Australia.
Miss C. James – Science Bibliographer, Australian National University.
Mr G.R. Williams – Assistant Secretary (Communications), C.S.I.R.O.
Mr R.D. Williamson – Systems Engineer, Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd.

CONCLUSION

The Council pays a warm tribute to the National Librarian and his staff for their keen devotion to the work of the Library during a challenging year.

Statements of Receipts and Expenditure
for the financial year 1970-71

Report of the Acting Auditor-General for the Commonwealth

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

## FOR THE YEAR 1970-71

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNT

*Receipts*

| | $ c |
|---|---|
| Balance of Cash at Reserve Bank of Australia, Canberra City, A.C.T. at 1 July, 1970 | 1,040.03 |
| Consolidated Revenue Fund Appropriation | 4,382,000.00 |
| Recoveries from Australian Territories | 735.14 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 149,644.56 |
| | $4,533,419.73 |

*Expenditure*

| | $ c | $ c |
|---|---|---|
| Salaries | | 2,252,166.51 |
| Purchase of Library Material – National Library | | |
| Purchase of Books | 724,497.81 | |
| Purchase of Periodicals and Newspapers | 113,433.43 | |
| Purchase of Special Resources (Films, Maps, Pictorial Material | 114,127.84 | |
| Copying of Australian Historical Records | 6,088.11 | |
| Total Purchase of Library Material | | 958,147.19 |
| Purchase of Books for Australian Territories (Recoverable) | | 843.66 |
| Binding of the Collections | | 128,048.87 |
| Canberra Public Library Service | | 277,678.79 |
| Printing and Publications | | 100,602.84 |
| Purchase of Furniture and Equipment | | 43,126.45 |
| Travelling and Subsistence | | 81,275.56 |
| Library Council Fares and Allowances | | 7,410.33 |
| Purchase of Library Supplies and Office Requisites | | 58,440.16 |
| Postage, Telegrams and Telephone Services | | 76,211.28 |
| Freight and Cartage | | 42,292.49 |
| Building Services and Maintenance | | 344,177.41 |
| Other General Expenses | | 151,663.28 |
| Advances | | 9,372.87 |
| Balance of Cash at Reserve Bank of Australia, Canberra City A.C.T. at 30 June, 1971 | | 1,962.04 |
| | | $4,533,419.73 |

A.P. FLEMING
*National Librarian*

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**

**FOR THE YEAR 1970-71**

NATIONAL LIBRARY TRUST ACCOUNT

*Receipts*

| | $ c |
|---|---|
| Balance of Cash at Trading Bank of Australia, Canberra City, A.C.T. at 1 July, 1970 | 2,058.63 |
| Deposited during year | 124.38 |
| Bank Interest | 68.59 |
| | $2,251.60 |

*Expenditure*

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|---|---|
| Expenditure | 37.04 |
| Balance of Cash at Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia, Canberra City, A.C.T. at 30 June, 1971 | 2,214.56 |
| | $2,251.60 |

A.P. FLEMING
*National Librarian*

Auditor-General's Office,
Canberra, A.C.T.
14 September 1970

Dear Sir,

National Library of Australia

In compliance with section 27(3) of the National Library Act 1960-1967, the Council has submitted a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure – Administrative Account and a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure – National Library Trust Account for the year ended 30 June 1971. Copies of the statements, which are in the form approved under the provisions of section 27(2) of the Act, are attached for your information.

I now report that, in my opinion –

(a) the financial statements are based on proper accounts and records;

(b) the statements are in agreement with the accounts and records and show fairly the financial operations of the Library for the year ended 30 June 1971, and

(c) the receipt and expenditure of moneys by the Library during the year have been in accordance with the Act.

Yours faithfully,

J.K. LAWRENCE
Acting Auditor-General for the Commonwealth

The Honourable the Minister
for the Environment, Aborigines and the Arts,
Parliament House,
Canberra, A.C.T.